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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Hospitals and Nursing Facilities
Re: PASRR Update
Date: May 18, 2016
From: State Mental Health PASRR Authority

On Friday, May 13, 2016, there was a PASRR training for all Utah hospitals and a major topic of discussion was the requirement for a physician's signature on a "less than 30 day stay" order. After researching this rule, it was found that it is a federal regulation and, as such, cannot be changed at the state level. The following is the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) that indicates only a physician's signature is acceptable for "the less than 30 day" order. The CFR is as follows:

CFR 483.106

(2) Exempted hospital discharge.

(i) An exempted hospital discharge means an individual—

- (A) Who is admitted to any NF directly from a hospital after receiving acute inpatient care at the hospital;
- (B) Who requires NF services for the condition for which he or she received care in the hospital; and
- (C) Whose attending physician has certified before admission to the facility that the individual is likely to require less than 30 days nursing facility services.

The full rule can be found at:

http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=72799fa38ea2f59b51b9f19501024d8f&mc=true&node=se42.5.483_1106&rgn=div8

As you can see this is a Federal requirement that we cannot modify. Disregard for this rule will result in nursing facilities refusal to admit the patient as they will not be reimbursed funds if they are found to do so. Additionally should it be found that a facility is not complying they will be referred to the licensing and survey bureau.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and team work in making the PASRR process as smooth as possible. Working together we can all fine tune this process making our state the model state for PASRR.

Please contact the State PASRR Office if you have any further questions.

Thank you for helping make Utah great!